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SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF ANNEX CONSTRUCTION SITE- MEXICO CITY

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1. 1. OWNER PROPERTY WHICH ADJOINS CHANCERY AT MEXICO CITY HAS VOLUNTARILY GIVEN EMBASSY HIS WRITEN ASSURANCE HE WILL NOT SELL PROPERTY WITHOUT INFORMING USG OF DESIRE SELL AND WITHOUT ALLOWING SIX MONTHS FOR DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT U.S. GOVT MIGHT ACQUIRE TITLE. THE EMBASSY HAS ACKNOWLEDGED MR. SUBERBIE'S VOLUNTARY OFFER AND HAS REAFFIRMED THAT USG WILL WISH TO KNOW WHEN AND WHETHER HE CONTEMPLATES SALE.

2. ON FEB 4 MR. FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ MACEDO CONTACTED EMBASSY TO ADVISE HE INTENDS IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE ERECT LARGE OFFICE BUILDING ON THE 3,000 SQUARE METRE PLOT OF LAND WHICH ADJOINS THE SUBERBIE PROPERTY. HE HAS INQUIRED WHETHER EMBASSY INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE SPACE AND SUGGESTED THAT IF WE ACT SOON OUR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS MIGHT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE DESIGN AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE SET IN CONCRETE. EMBASSY THANKED MR. HERNANDEZ FOR HIS INFORMATION BUT INDICATED IT HAS NO FORESEEABLE PLANS TO LEASE APACE OUTSIDE PRESENT CHANCERY.

3. NOTICE OF MR. HERNANDEZ' PLANS ERECT OFFICE BUILDING GIVES SUBSTANCE TO RUMORS WE HAVE HEARD LATELY TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE IS AFOOT PLAN TO PUT TOGETHER THE THREE PIECES OF PROPERTY WHICH COMPLETE THE EMBASSY BLOCK WITH VIEW TO
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CONSTRUCTING MAJOR COMMERCIAL BUILDING. IT IS KNOWN THAT

MR. HERNANDEZ HAS OFFERED TO PURCHASE SUBERBIE PROPERTY BUT HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN. CLEARLY THESE THREE CHOICE LOTS CANNOT LONG REMAIN VACANT INASMUCH AS THEY ARE TOO IDEAL A LOCATION TO ESCAPE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THESE PROSPECTS PUT THE USG UNDER PRESSURE TO ESTIMATE FUTURE SITE NEEDS AND PROJECTION FUTURE CONSTRUCTION DURING PERIOD WHEN MONEY OBVIOUSLY TIGHT. SUCH IS THE SITUATION, HOWEVER, AND THE EMBASSY WOULD URGE FBO AT EARLIEST FEASIBLE DATE TO SEEK FUNDS NEEDED TO PURCHASE SUBERBIE PROPERTY. MEANWHILE, WE SHALL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MR. SUBERBIE TO BE CERTAIN THAT WE DO NOT LOSE OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON HIS PROPERTY AT SUCH TIME AS HE OR HIS HEIRS DECIDE TO SELL.
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